



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Re the Application of:

WATANABE et al

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) Examiner: Valencia, Daniel
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For: OPTICAL FIBER ATTENUATOR)
WITH ATTENUATING DOPANT)
LIMITED TO A CENTRAL OR)
PERIPHERAL AREA OF THE)
FIBER CORE)

RESPONSE TO FINAL ACTION UNDER 37 CFR 1.116

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 14501
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Responsive to the "final" action of July 25, 2003, please amend the captioned application
as follows:

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